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THERE are plenty of cold weather comforts to be found still in the CRAWFORD STORE: Woolen Underwear, Blankets, Comforts, Flannels, Cloaks, Jackets, Gloves, Knit Shawis, Furs, etc., etc., and all down now to summer prices.

CHICAGO INTERESTS INTERFERED. Caused Bundy Revenue Bill to Be Reported Unfavorably.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Springfield, III.. Feb. 18—Chicago interests caused the Bundy revenue bili, which is of much significance to Southern Illinois, to be ordered reported unfavorably this afternoon by the Revenue Committee. Bundy's bill would make the assessable value of property one-third instead of one-fifth, the cash value. This would give more county revenue, which is needed in the smaller counties of Southern Illinois.

Pendarvis and Kopf of Chicago declared that the present valuation was none too low and that a change would seriously disturb Chicago conditions. Mr. Bundy, who is from Centralia. Ill., announced that when the committee's report is made to the House he will move to nonconcur. Chairman Burgett said that he would give Bundy another chance to have the bill considered another chance to have the bill considere

e Pains, Itching, Scabby Skin Dis-cases, Swellings, Carbuncles, Pimples, Scrofala anently cured by taking Botanic Blood. It destroys the active Potson in the blood. It destroys the active Potson in the blood, I then the standard bears and the standard standard in the blood of the standard In the Neck, take

Botanic Blood Balm, Guaranteed
to cure even the worst and most deep-seated
cases where dectors, patent medicines and hot
springs fall. Heals all soves, stops all aches and
pains, reduces all swellings, makes blood pure
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Blood. B.B.B. stops Hawking and Spliting, Itching and Scratching, Aches and Pains; cure
Rheumatism, Catarrh; beals all Scabe, Scales,
Eruptions, Watery Blisters, foul, festering Sores
ef Eccesum, by giving a pure, healthy blood supply to affected parts.

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Botanic Blood Baim Cures Cancers of all Kinds,
Suppurating Swellings, Eating Sores, Tumors,
ugly Ulcers. It kills the Cancer Poison and heals
the sores or worst cancer perfectly. If you have
a persistent Pimple, Wart, Swellings, Shooting
Blinging Pains, take Blood Baim and they will
disappear before they develop into Cancer. Many
apparents hope-ses cancer cured by
laking Botanic Blood Baim.



Botanie Blood Balm (B.B.B.) Is men bottle Bold in St. Louis by Lindell Drug Hore, 6th and Washington ave. Call or write. Blood Balm sent by express.



## **OUARREL IN SALOON ENDS IN TRAGEDY**

Thomas Butler Shot and Killed by James S. Smith, 18-Year-Old Bartender.

SLAYER CLAIMS SELF-DEFENSE

Says He Was Assaulted Because He Refused Victim and Two Companions Drinks on Credit.

Thomas Butler, 22 years old, was shot and almost instantly killed by James S. Smith, 18 years old, in John Meyers's saloon, No. 4000 Easton avenue, yesterday morning at o'clock. Smith says he fired in selfdefense, belleving his life was in danger. Smith is the bortender for Meyers, and lives with him over the saloon. He opened up the saloon early yesterday morning, and a short time later Thomas Lee, a plasterer a short time later Thomas Lee, a plasterer of No. 1729 Whittier, came in to get a drink. Lee had been at the house of his brother, whose child was dead. Smith says Lee was drinking heavily. About 5 o'd ook Lee returned to the saloon with Butler and another man, whose identity has not been learned by the police. They asked for drinks on credit, and Smith refused to let them have any. Some words passed between the trio and the hartener, which calminated in the shooting.

Accounts of the shooting, as related by Smith and Lee, differ materially. Smith says that when he told the men they could not have any drinks without money they

not have any drinks without money they became angry and abused him. Butter asked him to give him a drink of water to tinse his muth. Smith gave him a glass



JAMES S. SMITH,

Who shot and killed Thomas Butler in a cuarrel in a saloon at No. 4000 Easton avenue.

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of water, which Butler, with an oath, threw on the counter. Smith says he wiped the water off without saying a word. Butler then picked up a penny-in-the-slot peanut machine from the end of the counter and threw it at him. He dodged and the missile struck the bar. Fearing the three men would attack him together, the bartender says he ran for the revolver, which was in a drawer at the other end of the counter. As he did so the three men stirted for the door. Smith fired at Butler, who was nearest the door. The bullet struck him in the temple, and he staggered forward a step or two and pitched cut of the doorway onto the sidewalk. Smith put the revolver away, went out the front door, almost stepping over the hody of his victim, and went upstairs. He was arrested there a short time later and taken to the Ninth District station.

Thomas Lee, who was very drunk, was also arrested, but the third man got away. Lee went to sleep as soon as he reached the station. When he sobered up in the affernoon he made a statement of the affaff. He said that he entered the saloon alone and found Butler and the third man, who he says is a stranger to him, already there. He says he knew Butler, but had not seen him for two days. He says they asked for drinks on credit, and when it was refused there were some words with the bartender, but no serious quarrel. He said that when Butler spilled the water the bartender ran for his revolver and shot him as he was running out of the door. He dende that Butler had thrown the peanut machine at Smith, and said that at no time had any threat or attempt to assault Smith been made by any of the trio.

Butler was a laborer and lived with his parents at No. 322 Lucky sirest.

Young Smith's parents are dead. His father, George W. Smith, was a member of the Fire Department, He has an uncle on the Folice Department, assigned to the Second District.

The Coroner will hold an inquest on Butler's body to-day. Second District.

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STREET RAILWAY MEN HOLD SECRET MEETING.

Representative of Amalgamated As sociation Fighting Transit

Employes of the St. Louis street car ave tems, called by Andrew W. Morrison, met

at Druids' Hall last night. Morrison is a representative of the Amalgamated Street Railway Employes of America, and is endeavoring to disorganize America, and is endeavoring to disorganize the Street Railway Employes' Union of Missouri, recently organized and now operating under a five-year agreement with the Transit Company. Morrison declares that 1,400 of the 3,500 Transit Company employes have joined the Amaigamated Association branch and left the Missouri union, which is an incorporated body.

"I was commissioned here on December 24 last and have succeeded in establishing what is known as Local, No. 315. Amaigamated Association of Street Railway Employes of America," said Morrison.

The meeting continued until a late hour and was conducted secretly.

Morrison caused thousands of circulars to be distributed about the city, urging street car employes to appear at Druids' Hall last night and discuss the Missouri Street Railway Union.

Beveral road agents of the company tried to get into the meeting, but were detected by conductors and motormen at the door and refused admission.

The following union officials addressed the meeting; John Hoppenjon, M. Ballard Dum, David Kreyling, Owen Miller, John T. Wilson, L. T. Quick, Oscar Coates, Curtis S. Mayhan and Andrew W. Morrison. the Street Railway Employes' Union of

SHIPBUILDERS' DELAY LOST CUBA FOR SPAIN.

Madrid Government Obtains Verdiet Against Company That Failed to Complete Vessels in Time.

Edinburg, Feb. 18.—The Court of Session to-day awarded the Government of Spain \$237,500 in the action begun here January 20 by the Spanish Minister of Marine, Sanchez Toca, to recover \$375,000 from the Clyde Bank Engineering and Shipbuilding Company, because of the company's failure to deliver in contract time four torpedo boat destroyers, which had been intended for use in the Spanish-American War.

In the course of the judgment, Lord Killachy, the presiding Judge, said he thought it more than probable that if Spain, even in the spring of 1897, had been in a position to establish a really effective blockade in Cuba, against the unloading of munitions of war, the insurrection might have been crushed and American intervention have been avoided.

He, therefore, allowed Spain \$2,500 per week for the 125 weeks' delay, to which she was entitled under contract. Edinburg, Feb. 18.-The Court of Session

No torture compares to that of a Rheu-matic. Prescription No. 2851, by Elmer & Amend, quickest relief of all.

## DRAINAGE CANAL CASE CAUSED POSTPONEMENT OF A WEDDING.

F. S. Bright, Third Commissioner Appointed by the U.S. Supreme Court, Was to Have Been Married in Washington To-Day.

That the little patron of romance, Cupid, s ever present in proceedings where the god of commerce is supposed to hold sway. according to mythology, was demonstrated resterday in the proceedings of the Chicago Drainage Canal Comm's ion, in session at

Frank S. Bright of Washington, D. C., the Commissioner appointed by the United States Supreme Court to take the testimony in the canal case, brought by the State of Missouri against the State of Hinois, was to have been married to-day, but has post

poned the wedding.

The bride-elect is Miss Oberly, a daughter
of a former Civil Service Commissioner. of a former Civil Service Commissioner, and is well-known in Washington society. On account of Mr. Bright's duties here sh has agreed that the wedding shall take place in Washington on March 2. Mr. Bright is the youngest attorney, and

in fact the third in history, commissioned by the Supreme Court of the United States in the capacity in which he is serving. He has been a member of the Supreme Court but for about ten years. His present office is similar to that of a Commissioner in Chan-city, the only difference or obtained to help:



FRANK S. BRIGHT. soner who is hearing the Chicago drainage canni case, and who was to have been married to Miss Oberly in Washington, D. C., to-day. He was compelled to postpone the wedding to March 3.

years old, though he is becoming somewhat bale and prematurely gray.

"It is true." Mr. Bright admitted, "that I was to have been married to Miss Oberly February IB, but we have postponed the date until March 2. According to the present ruling the local authorities only have natil February 28 to submit their evidence. If they secure a continuence the hearing probably will not be scheduled so as to interfere with my marriage.

Mr. Bright would not admit that action on the part of the Chicago authorities in pressurg a hearing at this time had altered his original plans for a welding.

The Commissioner is of pleasing address, looks to be a close student and impresses is similar to that of a Commissioner in Chancity, the only difference or alstinction being that he is commissioned by the highest tribunal in America.

The only other appointments of this character in the history of the accust court were those of Chancelor Walworth of New York in the case of the State of Pennsylvania vs. the Wheeling Stides Company, in 1830, and William A. Maury in the case of the State of California against the Southern Pacific Rairoad, in 1894.

Both of the attorneys mentioned were well advanced in life when they received inching high honors indicated, but the gentleman who is taking the testimony in the canal suff between the States of Missouri and Illinois appears to be not more than forty. The Commissioner is of pleasing address, looks to be a close student and impresses St. Louis attorneys who have met him as being an able man, worthy of the distinc-

## PADDY BRENNAN RE-ENTERS ARENA OF ST. LOUIS POLITICS

Candidate for Democratic Nomination to the House of Delegates From Twentieth Ward.

Patrick H. Brennan, familiarly known as "Paddy" Brennan, one of the old guard of local statesmen, whom the politicians of the present day will remember as one of the unique figures in Democratic politics a generation ago, has announced himself a candidate for the nomination for the House of Delegates in the Twentieth Ward. In the early eighties, when he was a struggling artisan, Paddy Brennan-was the idol of the old Fourth Ward, now embraced in the Third and Fourth Wards. He was

In the Third and Fourth Warda. He was always active in politics in his own ward, but it was not until his ambition and him to aspire to a seat in the House of Delegates that he made a reputation that made his name a household word throughout the city. His chief claims to fame rest upon the speeches he made during his last three campaigns, and the fact that in the Republican landslide of 1888 he was the only Democrat on the entire city ticket elected. His speeches, which have been preserved to posterity through the medium of the phonograph, referred to his first term in the House. Their burden, and the refrain of his admiring constituents, was: House. Their burden, and the refrain of his admiring constituents, was: "Didn't I give ye work whin there was no work?"

"I know damn well I'm right—I'm aiways right."
In 1888, the morning after election, when D. R. Francis was elected Governor, the Democrats of the city discovered that their entire city ticket had been defeated with the exception of Paddy Brennan, who was returned a winner by a majority of one.

SEVENTEEN YEARS HAVE BOUND HIS FRIENDSHIP FOR "JACK."

Peter Gerhard Advertises a Reward for the Return of His Elderly Pet Dog.

DOG-Lost, black our dog; blind in one eye. 1902 license; answers to the name of Jack. Re-1902 license; answers to the name of Jack turn to 2018 Olive st. and receive reward.

It was the peculiar wording of the above advertisement, inserted in The Republic "Want Ad" columns yesterday that attract-ed unusual attention. Seldom will the owner of a dog ever refer to the animal as a

"cur."

This particular dog belongs to Peter Gerhard of No. 3811 North Broadway, and, while he is ready to admit that the pedigree of the animal is shrouded in mystery, he maintains the claim of his pet for intelli-

gence against any dog in the city.

"Jack" has belonged to Gerhard more
than seventeen years, but notwithstanding the age of the animal he disappeared

"'Jack' is nearly 18 years old," said Mr. Gerhard yesterday, "and I should think that on account of his rheumatic attacks, if for no other reason, he would refrain from wandering around this kind of weather. "When Jack was younger he would occasionally inaugurate exploring expeditions, but recently he has remained at home, and I am inclined to believe that his present disappearance is due to other hiduences." "Jack" was lost near the corner of Grand avenue and Olive street, and Mr. Gerhard spent a cold and dismal day yesterday searching the neighborhood for some trace of his pet. on account of his rheumatic attacks, if for

ATTEMPTED TO THAW GASPIPES Sideler's Effort to Best Plumbers Caused Fire in Store.

"Plumbers charge too much; I'll just do this myself," soliloquized John Sideler, a baker, at No. 1124 North Nineteenth street. Wednesday morning when he discovered that his gas pipes had frozen.

Although the plumber's bill might have been as much as \$10 for the work, Sideler now will have to pay \$100 for repairs on his gas pipes and his store, for when the fire-men got through extinguishing the flames he had started by trying to be a plumber, that much damage had resulted

Sideler thought a charcoal fire beneath the meter in his basement would thaw out the pipes. It did, and Chief Swingley of the Fire Department says the wonder is that the store is still standing.

The best china expert in St. Louis, is in charge of the china department at Mermod & Jaccard's, Broadway and Locust, and will be glad to have his many friends call and see him.

Advertising Men's Smoker. Advertising Men's Smoker.

St. Louis Advertising Men's League will give a smoker at the Creamerle Annex grill room, No. 695 Washington avenue, Thursday, February 19 8 p. m. One of the speakers will be S. W. Bolles, superintendent of the Graphic Arts section of the World's Fair, who will give a brief outline of tha proposed exhibit, showing the development of advertising and advertising methods which the Exposition officials now have under consideration. This is a subject in which every member of the league is interested.

Mr. Wm. Walsh, Formerly of Merrick, Walsh & Phelps Co. and for 38 years St. Louis' best watch ex-pert, will be glad to see you at Mermod & Jaccard's, Broadway and Locust, and explain the merits of the celebrated Patek



-By a Republic Photographer, PATRICK H. BRENNAN, Candidate for the Democratic nomination for member of the House of Delegates from the Twentleth Ward.

Brenman is now a prosperous contractor, with an office at Tenth and Chestnut streets. He lives at No. 1350 Glasgow avenue in the Twentieth Ward. His friends declare that he will obtain the nomination without trouble. He has the Indorsement of Tom Barrett. His opponent, John C. O'Brien, is being groomed, it is said, by Tom Ward, secretary of the Police Board.

### **BID OLD ARMORY FAREWELL** WITH A REGIMENTAL DRILL.

Soldiers Expect to Be in Their New Quarters in the Exposition Building by March 1.

Farewell was taken of its old home by the First Regiment Tuesday night, previous to removal to new quarters in the Exposition building, which are expected to be ready for the soldiers before March 1, the neces sary changes in the interior being nearly completed.

Gathered at the Armory were many Gathered at the Armory were many friends of the soldiers, who came to see their last review and parade in the old building which has been their home for so many years, and which is now to be turned into a warehouse. The regimental band was present, and, under the leadership of Professor Bloeser, gave a concert which lasted until the Adjutant's call was sounded for guard mounting.

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Captain Murphy drilled Company D, and its work evoked frequent applause, especially for the excellence with which the movements in double time were executed. After Company D's drill there was a battailon drill under Major Marquardt. Later assembly was sounded for regimental review.

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The regiment was reviewed by Lieutenant Colonel Godwin of the regulars, who is stationed in St. Louis as commander of the Jefferson Guards, Major Cochran, Judge Advocate General on General Clark's staff, Captain Chamber of General Clark's staff, and First Lieutenant Heinzelmann of the Sixth Regular Cavalry were also present during the review.

After the review there was a regimental parade. Before the troops were dismissed Major Cochran made an address, in which he complimented the regiment upon the excellent showing that it had made, and expressed his gratification that the State Legislature had favorably reported a bill to appropriate \$100,000 for the State National Guard.

Eyes Tested Free.

By our expert opticians, Dr. Bond and Dr. Montgomery. If glasses are needed a proper fit is guaranteed. Steel frames, \$1 and up gold, \$5 and up. Bring to us your oculist's prescriptions to be filled.

Dance to Follow Entertainment. "The Usual Way," a music comedy, will be presented by a cast composed of amateur talent, under the auspices of the B'nai El Young People's Aid Society, at Liederkranz Hall, Thirteenth street and Chouteau ave-nue, next Sunday evening. The entertain-ment will be fellowed by a dance.

\$20.00-Mardi Gras-\$20.00. Account of increased travel, Illinois Central will run through sleeping cars February 17-22 to New Orleans on its fast night train, the New Orleans Limited, as well as on its fast noon train, the New Orleans Special.

Entertainment by Parade Union. St. Lawrence O'Toole's Parish Parade Union has arranged an interesting pro-gramme for their music entertainment at the school hall, Fourteenth and Biddle streets, to-morrow evening. Dancing will follow the entertainment.

All Creditors! The International Investment Co. Send addresses and amount of your certificates.

GEO. B. SIDENER,
Ozark Bldg.

## DRAINAGE CANAL WATER REVELATIONS

Doctor Ravold Finds 36,000,000 of Bacteria in Twenty Drops of Fluid.

INCREASE OF TYPHOID FEVER.

Missouri Authorities Will Ask for a Continuance of the Hearing in Progress at the Southern Hotel.

Doctor Amand Ravold, former city bac eriologist of St. Louis, testified before the Chicago Drainage Canal Commission at It session at the Southern Hotel yesterday that an analysis of water taken from be-low the mouth of the canal at Lockport, lil., showed remarkable results. Doctor Ravold found that in one cubic centimeter of the fluid, a quantity equal-ing from sixteen to twenty drops of water, there were no less than 35,600,000 of bac-teris.

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Much of the bacteria was healthy and necessary to life, but further testimony is expected to snow that harmful germs were present in an abnormally large degree.

The nestonishing feature to laymen who heard the statement was that seventeen drops of water could contain 35,000,000 separate and distinct forms of life. Under the microscope they appear as so many bugs.

Naturally, all the germs were not counted, but the number was estimated according to accepted laws governing the science of bacteriology.

To count the 25,000,000 microbes contained

count the 25,000,000 microbes contained be sixteen or twenty drops of acqua pura) would give a man employment two years, providing that he counted each second for eight hours each day. TO ASK FOR CONTINUANCE.

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Tactles which the local authorities regard as a frick on the part of the chicago representatives in fricing a hearing of the dramage and case at this time and only allowing until February 28 for St. Louis to present its evidence, probably will be defeated by Attorney General Crow of Missouri and his assistants, who will appear before the United States Supreme Court at Washington and ask for a continuarce. The heaving was contained before the Special Commissioner, Franc S. Bright, of Washington and daily sees as will be held noted the time limit exports on the 28th. This period however, will not be sufficient for the taking of evidence for the Missouri sine of the atimony.

"We may require an additional month," said an attorney, "and we will endeavor to secure all the time that is necessary for this locality to show that the sewage dumped by Chicago into the drainage canal! a menace to the health of St. Louis and points in this vicinity."

The Missouri authorities—the case is styled "Missouri vs. allnots, etc."—xpect to show that since the opening of the drainage canal in 1909 the number of cases of typhold fever in St. Louis has increased from the case.

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Experts also are expected to show that other fevers and various diseases have in-creased locally in a similar ratio as a re-sult of the pollution of Mississippi River water by the Chicago sewage through the canal. canal.

Doctor Ravold was the only witness examined at the session yesterday, and for several hours he interested the officials with a lucid treatise on the science of bacteriol-

ogy.

He gave his findings after analyzing the water in Lake Michigan before it enters the water in Lake Michigan below it emissions to Chicago canal, the same water when it comes out of the canal, a distance of twenty-eight miles from the city, the mouth being near Lockport, and also the analysis at Peorta, Jollet and Grafton, and of the Missouri and Mississippi River waters at variance of the company of the

later. Although discussing a subject which is dry to most persons, it was said by the Commissioner and the attorneys on both sides that Doctor Ravold's report was the most interesting discussion of bacteriology they had ever heard. Every one present extended hearty congratulations to him, and some said that if St. Louis is to correct the Chicago drainage canal evil it will be largely through his efforts.

MARDI GRAS. February 18-24.

Low round-trip rates via Mobile and Ohio Railroad from St. Louis and all other sta-tions to New Orleans and Mobile. Tickets on sale February 17 to 23, inclusive, at No. 518 Olive street and Union Station. Liberal imits, stop-overs, dining cars and through

VISITORS AT ST. LOUIS HOTELS.

-Alexander M. Adams of Belfast, Ireland, arrived at the St. Nicholas yesterday.

-H. P. Moyer of Battle Creek, Mich., is registered at the Lindell.

-Tom Jarmoe of Oklahoma City, O. T., is a guest at the Planters. -A. Stewart of Cheyenne, Wy., has -Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Pennington of New Orleans, La., are at the New St. James. -Miss Ira Burk of Laplata, Mo., is a guest at the Laclede. guest at the Laclede.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Trimble of Seattle,
Wash., are at Horn's.

John L. Hendricks of Frankford, Ky.,
was at the Moser yesterday.

E. H. Drake of Springfield, Mo., is on
the guest list at the St. Nicholas.

Juhn Butledee of Faystaville Tenn. is

the guest list at the St. Nicholas.

-John Rutledge of Fayetteville, Tenn., is registered at the Lindell. —I. C. Thomas of Pittsburg, Pa., spent yesterday at the Planters. -Frederick W. Johnson of Chicago, Ill., has rooms at the Southern. -D. W. Martin of Kahoka, Mo., is stop-ping at the New St. James. ping at the New St. James.

Mrs. H. D. Knight of Eureka Springs.

Ark. is a guest at the Laclede.

Mr. and Mrs. William N. Rogers of

Troy, N. Y., are at the Moser.

-L. C. Witherspoon of Memphis, Tenn.,

was at Horn's yesterday. Frank Delaney of Hartford, Ark., is on the guest list at the St. Nicho as. -B. F. Schumacher of Milwankee, Wis., is registered at the Lindell. -W. K. Smith of Ei Paso, Tex., spent yesterday at the Planters. yesterday at the Planters.

J. A. and E. M. Jones of Jackson, Miss., are at the Southern.

George E. Sandusen of Chicago, Ill., is stopping at the New St. James.

A. J. Garland of Louisville, Ky., is a guest at the Laclede. -Albert Lawrence of Denver, Colo., is on the guest list at the St. Nicholas. -W. W. Prinell of New Madrid, Mo., is registered at the Lindell. -Mr. and Mrs. M. Donohoe of San Francisco, Cal., are at the Planters. -Henry Cadle of Bethany, Mo., is stop-ping at the Southern. -Frederick Warren of Sherman, Tex., has rooms at the New St. James. -W. A. Stickey of Coffeyville, Kas., is a guest at the Laclede,

Wedding Invitations, Calling Cards, Elegantly engraved-promptly-at very

Teamsters' Union to Consolidate. Differences between the International and National Teamsters unions, rival organizations, have been settled, and it has been decided to merge the two unions into one organization in August. During the dispute the teamsters were not represented at the Central Trades and Labor Union, but they will now send about fifty delegates.

Watch Repairing and Cleaning. Best done by our expert watchmakers. Killed by Coal Car.

Marion, Ill., Feb. 18.—Otis Hale, a driver at shaft No. 2 one of the mines near this city, was killed to-day by a coal car on his run. When found he was dead.

# FINE TABLE CUTLERY

proachable in variety or quality, and offered at the lowest prices.

Carving Sets (as illustrated), consisting of knife, fork and steel with handles of best selected stag hora, solid silver trusses and ferru the blade is the very lest steel produced. Set complete.

Similarly box, for only. in slik-lined box, for only.

We have well-made, well-finished Carvers as low as 51 the pair (knife a fork), and as high as 50 the set of five pieces, in beautiful slik-lined leather cas

Our special Table Knives, triple silver-plated on solid steel (91/2 

San San San Land Dauphin pattern Table Knives, triple silver-plated, hollow 

Our special Table Knives, with selected pearl handles, fine steel blades, solid silver ferrules—stamped with our name in full, and warranted. Price, per set of six, only.

Dessert, Fruit and Orange Knives and Carvers to match, at proportionately low prices. Finer qualities and larger handles up to \$5 per dozen.

Orders by Mail for Any of the Above Articles Carefully and Promptly Filled.

## MERMOD&JACCARD'S

BROADWAY AND LOCUST.

## OPPOSE APPOINTMENT OF STATE INSPECTOR

Householders Object to Additional Expenditure of Four Dollars a Year for Lighting.

SAY METERS ARE ACCURATE.

Proposed Law Providing for Arbitrary Quarterly Inspection Is Not Favored in St. Louis

Approximate number of gas meters in St. Louis.... approximate number of elec-

tric meters..... Number of inspections annually under proposed law......420,000 Revenue derived annually by city from inspections.....\$210,000 Revenue derived annually by

Determined opposition is developing among St. Louis householders to the bill recently introduced in the General Assembly providing for a State inspection of gas and electric meters in all cities of over 50,000 in-

habitants.

It is proposed to appoint an inspector who will be instructed to inspect every meter in the city four times a year, for which he will be empowered to charge \$1 for each inspection. One-half of the revenue will revert to the city and the other half to the inspector.

vert to the city and the other half to the inspector.

The bill further provides that the cost of this ir spection shall be borne by the consumer, which will add # to his yearly gas bill. This sum is not large in itself, but the consumer fails to see where he will be benefited by the added expenditure.

In speaking of the matter yesterday several houseowners said there was little complaint regarding the accuracy of the meters. They claim that their complaint is against the quality of gas furnished by the companies, and that it would be much more beneficial if an inspector of this nature was appointed.

One, whose bill was rather larger last month than usual, expressed himself as follows: "It is not sufficient for the gas light companies to rob us, but now the State must step in and appoint an inspector to take what little the gas company leaves."

Under present conditions the consumer

eaves."
Under present conditions the consumer

has recourse to the Supervisor of City Lighting when he thinks his meter is out of order. A request for an inspector will be immediately answered, and should the meter be out of order there is no cost to the consumer.

the consumer.

If after examining the meter, the city inspector finds that it registers accurately, the consumer is charged \$1 for the service. In this way an inspection can be made whenever it is deemed recessive, but he householder is not subjected to an arilitrary quarterly inspection, whether he wishes 't or not. ir not.
In addition to the city inspectors, each

In addition to the city inspectors, each lighting company maintains a corps of its own. These men keep a strict watch upon all meters, and the slightest irregularity, is at once remedied.

General Manager Ross of the Laclede Gas and Electric Company said yesterday: "A hill of this kind is always introduced at every session of the Legislature, but heretofore has invariably been allowed to die a natural death.

"The appointment of an inspector would make little difference to us. Our meters are kept in excellent condition, as much for our own protection as for that of our customers.

"Whenever a meter is turned in at this office it is immediately taken apart, thoroughly cleaned and placed in perfect order before it is sent out. The meters are all of standard make and do not vary an appreciable amount from one year's end to another." H. A. Hesse, Taller,

617 Pine street, says: "It's in the make." Blaze in Davesport's Castle Fire in Devenport's "castle," at No. 1000 North Thirteenth street, early yesterday morning, threatened the life of Garrisco Davemport, the negro owner, who was dragged semiconscious from the place by two night-watchmen.





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